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TITLE: **INSTRUMENT KIT AND METHOD FOR
PERFORMING MENISCAL REPAIR**

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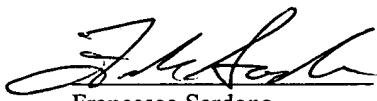
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2006, please consider the following
amendment and remarks:

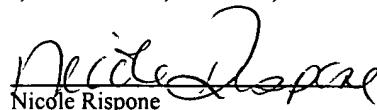
A Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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